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WORLD AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK

Kind	Unit	Average 1936/40	Average 1946/50	1953	1954	1955	1956
		Millions					
Cattle 1/	Head	754	785	876	896	912	918
Milk Cows (18 countries)	"	2/3/ 64	n.a	63	63	63	n.a.
Hogs	"	293	245	348	352	371	381
Sheep	"	748	722	852	874	894	910
Horses	"	96	75	76	75	74	n.a.
Mules and Asses 4/	"	3/ 51	n.a	52	52	51	n.a.
Water Buffalo 4/	"	3/ 76	n.a	76	77	77	n.a.
Chickens (20 countries)	"	3/5/ 831	5/ 777	5/ 832	993	1011	1013

PRODUCTION OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

Product	Unit	Ave. 1934/38					
		Millions					
Beef & Veal (42 countries)	Pound	32933	35206	41480	44176	44899	n.a.
Pork " "	"	27864	24834	31686	32352	33944	n.a.
Mutton, Lamb, & Goat " "	"	6622	6551	7082	7115	7170	n.a.
Total Meat	"	5/ 68160	67094	80801	84242	86522	n.a.
Wool	"	9/ 3975	3880	4470	4520	4680	4870
Milk 7/	"	532000	n.a.	600000	612000	606000	618000
Butter	"	2/ 10345	8340	9295	9566	9510	9600
Cheese	"	2/ 3527	3914	5198	5367	5379	5325
Eggs (26 countries)	No.	5/8/82741	8/102689	8/121937	126704	130206	133826

Number of livestock relates to census data or estimates during year shown except that data for period October to December are included in the following year for comparison and totals.

1/ Includes water buffalo where important.
2/ 17 countries
3/ 1934-38 average
4/ Data from FAO
5/ 19 countries; excludes Brazil
6/ Includes horsemeat in addition to other types shown
7/ All types
8/ Does not include Peru
9/ 1936-40

WORLD AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

AREA HARVESTED

Crop	Average 1935/39	Average 1945/49	1953	1954	1955	1956
	Million Acres					
Wheat	425	407	464	461	476	481
Rye	101	106	89	88	83	78
Breadgrains (sub-total)	526	513	553	549	559	559
Rice	222	234	265	258	263	269
Barley	117	111	123	130	136	140
Oats	144	128	130	132	127	123
Corn	223	215	222	225	250	262
Feed Grains (sub-total)	484	454	475	487	513	525
Cotton	81.1	60.3	80.5	79.3	81.5	76.9
Tobacco 2/	7.6	7.5	8.5	9.0	9.0	9.1
Beet Sugar	8.3	8.0	11.3	11.7	12.1	12.8
Cane Sugar, Centrifugal	n.a.	n.a	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Sugar, Centrifugal, all	n.a.	n.a	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Sugar, Non-centrifugal	n.a.	n.a	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes 3/	29.2	26.2	28.9	31.6	25.6	25.9
Dry Edible Beans 4/	10.2	12.7	13.5	14.6	14.6	14.6
Dry Peas 5/	1.0	1.3	1.1	.9	1.1	1.2
Garbanzos	20.0	22.8	21.7	22.3	27.3	n.a.
Flaxseed	19.6	17.6	16.7	18.0	18.1	23.7
Soybeans 2/	29.0	32.6	39.7	42.8	44.3	49.0
Peanuts 2/	22.3	27.0	28.1	31.9	32.5	34.2
Total Area Shown	1460.3	1417.0	1543.0	1556.1	1601.1	1600.4

Unless otherwise indicated, the years shown refer to years of harvest in the Northern Hemisphere countries. Harvests of Northern Hemisphere countries are combined with those of the Southern Hemisphere which immediately follow; thus, the crops harvested in the Northern Hemisphere in 1956 are combined with Southern Hemisphere harvests which begin late in 1956 and end in the first half of 1957. 1/ Converted by weight and feeding value. 2/ Year beginning January 1. 3/ 32 countries only: North America, Europe excluding USSR, Japan and South American countries. 4/ 25 countries only. 5/ 15 countries only. Excludes Mainland China, which is the world's largest producer. 6/ Apples, Pears, Oranges, Grapefruit, Lemons. - Excludes Southern Hemisphere, which in 1955 produced apples, 32 million; pears, 11; oranges, 68.5; grapefruit, 1.2; lemons, 4.2 million. 7/ 1934-38.

WORLD AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

PRODUCTION

Crop	Unit	Average 1935/39	Average 1945/49	1953	1954	1955	1956
		- - - - - -	- - Millions	- - - - - -			
Wheat	Bushels	6102	5911	7465	7000	7405	7595
Rye	"	1732	1530	1470	1530	1480	1385
Rice	100# Bags	3711	3542	4206	4002	4247	4380
Barley	Bushels	2377	2180	2830	2855	3075	3265
Oats	"	4364	3916	4080	4190	4445	4225
Corn	"	4775	5290	5855	5613	6275	6585
Feed Grains	Sh. Tn.	261	263	297	293	321	330
Feed Grains Equiv. to Corn 1/	" "	246	250	282	278	305	314
Cotton	Bales	31.7	25.7	39.1	38.6	39.5	38.9
Tobacco 2/	Pounds	6619	6931	7656	8087	8391	8428
Beet Sugar	Sh. Tn.	11.8	9.4	17.4	16.2	17.3	17.7
Cane Sugar, Cent.	" "	16.8	18.0	24.1	25.3	25.4	26.8
Sugar, Cent. all	" "	28.5	27.4	41.5	41.5	42.7	44.5
Sugar, Non-cent.	" "	5.5	6.0	6.4	6.6	6.4	6.4
Potatoes 3/	100# Bags	3282	2803	3410	3680	3143	3397
Dry Edible Beans 4/	" "	61.8	67.1	78.8	86.7	89.1	83.7
Dry Peas 5/	" "	11.3	14.3	11.4	11.3	12.9	13.4
Garbanzos	" "	102	103	125.0	139.7	135.8	n.a.
Flaxseed	Bushels	133.5	128.5	115.6	119.4	126.0	170.7
Soybeans	"	463.7	551.3	651.9	717.7	768.2	854.0
Peanuts in shell 2/	Sh. Tn.	9.6	10.8	11.5	12.1	12.5	12.6
Cottonseed	" "	15.3	11.9	18.5	18.6	18.9	18.8
Apples	Bushels	462	409	557	602	542	6/374
Pears	"	117	131	167	158	167	6/107
Grapes	Sh. Tn.	33.9	29.1	38.6	39.5	38.5	n.a.
Oranges	Boxes	204.9	257.2	342.5	349.4	350.4	6/280.2
Grapefruit	"	34.9	56.6	53.2	47.2	50.4	6/ 46.9
Lemons	"	23.2	26.1	33.3	31.6	31.3	6/ 29.3
Cacao Beans	Pounds	1581	1516	1623	1818	1830	1864
Coffee	Bgs 132#	41.6	36.9	44.0	42.0	50.3	47.5
Tea	Pounds		1083	1301	1441	1479	n.a.
Hops 7/	"	7/ 131.4	114.6	150.2	143.6	134.0	n.a.

Footnotes: See page 4.

WORLD AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

PRODUCTION

Crop	Unit	Average 1935/39	Average 1945/49	1953	1954	1955	1956
		Thousands					
Prunes 1/	Sh. Tn.	279.4	229.8	221.5	209	183	212
Raisins 1/ (and currents)	" "	623.6	538.6	642	559	579.2	627.3
Almonds 1/ 2/shelled	" "	78.4	90.4	104.3	94.3	64.5	71.3
Filberts 1/ unshelled	" "	118.6	122.0	115.9	174.9	126.7	197.2
Walnuts 1/ unshelled	" "	127.0	122.2	105.9	126.0	149.3	157.4
Castor Beans 3/	Sh. Tn.	474	492	567	537	522	523
Rapeseed 3/	" "	4216	4896	5226	5291	6088	6112
Sesame Seed 3/	" "	1790	1765	1915	1955	1805	2038
Sunflower Seed 3/	" "	2785	3695	4550	4430	5281	5544
Cottonseed Oil	" "	1390	1220	2025	1965	2055	2000
Linseed Oil	" "	1145	1100	990	995	1085	1460
Soybean Oil	" "	1355	1615	1905	2100	2250	2500
Peanut Oil	" "	1665	1880	2005	2100	2180	2245
Olive Oil	" "	970	915	1285	1075	770	1075
Palm Oil	" "	1090	1000	1320	1355	1335	1330
Palm Kernel Oil	" "	400	335	450	470	450	470
Coconut Oil	" "	2135	1620	2140	2300	2320	2470
Lard	" "	3500	3070	3990	4025	4255	4450
Tallow, and greases	" "	1550	2000	2755	2855	3010	3150
Edible vegetable oils	" "	6720	7165	9010	9016	9165	9885
Palm Oils	" "	3655	2975	3940	4163	4145	4308
Industrial Oils	" "	2900	2985	3015	3006	3340	3742
Animal Fats (inc. butter)	" "	9330	8520	10510	10755	11105	11490
Marine Oils	" "	1055	595	930	1055	1035	1055
All fats & Oils (excludes tallow and greases)	" "	23660	22240	27405	27995	28790	30480
		Millions					
Abaca 3/	Pound	387	4/206	283	251	262	300
Henequen 3/	"	247	4/282	229	265	231	240
Jute 1/	"	3422	5/3520	2691	3402	4477	4651
Sisal 3/	"	507	4/549	866	915	1020	1100

Oil production from vegetable oilseeds relates to year in which seed was produced and not necessarily when oil was extracted; for other oils production relates to calendar year.

1/ Harvests of Northern Hemisphere countries combined with those of Southern Hemisphere which follow.

2/ Includes U. S. unshelled divided by 2.

3/ Year beginning January 1.

4/ 1946-50

5/ 1947-51

WORLD PEANUT PRODUCTION AGAIN AT NEW HIGH

World production of peanuts in 1956 is estimated at a record output of 12.6 million short tons, unshelled basis, according to preliminary data available to the Foreign Agricultural Service. This is an increase of one percent from the previous record 12.5 million tons estimated to have been produced in 1955 and is one-third greater than the average annual prewar output.

The increase of an estimated 120,000 tons from 1955 is due largely to the sharp expansion in French West Africa and Argentina and an indicated increase in China. These gains were not fully offset by declines in Nigeria, Brazil, Indonesia and a number of other countries.

The predominant features of peanut production in 1956 are the current indications of a considerably smaller output in India than predicted earlier and a much larger crop in French West Africa than preseason expectations. With India normally accounting for over one-third of the world total, the final results of the Indian crop will be the major factor in the final analysis of the world picture.

North American peanut production in 1956 declined slightly from the previous year due to somewhat smaller crops in the United States and Mexico. Production of peanuts picked and threshed in the United States was estimated at 783,300 tons, above one percent less than in 1955 and 13 percent below the 10-year (1945-54) average. Acreage picked and threshed declined 17 percent from the previous year, but the national average yield of 1,122 pounds was the highest of record.

Production in Mexico was down 8 percent from 1955 as a result of acreage reduction. Output in the Dominican Republic has expanded significantly in recent years.

The slight increase indicated for Asia is based largely on the assumption of a somewhat larger outturn in China. Attempts to increase peanut production in China-Manchuria, where vegetable oils have been in short supply appear to have been relatively successful. With an expansion in acreage as claimed by the Communists, output may have exceeded the 2.6 million tons believed to have been produced in 1955.

Despite a substantial increase in acreage India's peanut crop, which early in the season had been forecast at a record high, may not exceed the 1955 level of 4.3 million tons. Heavy rains in October and November are reported to have reduced the number of pods per plant and contributed to difficulties in harvesting the crop. The Government of India has not announced an export quota for peanut oil, and it appears unlikely that such an announcement will be forthcoming prior to July unless the need for earning foreign exchange becomes acute. (Normally, decisions as to export quotas are made twice each year--either for the period January-June or that of July-December, as the case may be.)

PEANUTS 1/: Acreage and production in specified countries and the world, averages 1935-39 and 1945-49, annual 1954-56

Continent and country	Acreage 2/					Production				
	Average 1935-39	Average 1945-49	1954	1955	1956 3/	Average 1935-39	Average 1945-49	1954	1955	1956 3/
	1,000 acres					1,000 short tons				
NORTH AMERICA:										
Mexico	33	79	148	185	148	12.2	37.4	88.2	89.5	82.7
United States	1,659	3,056	1,387	1,683	1,396	614.7	1,046.3	504.2	787.9	783.3
Cuba	-	78	24	30	33	4/ 8.4	19.2	6.1	7.7	8.2
Dominican Republic	-	44	86	116	67	4/ 3.8	12.2	48.4	56.9	60.9
Total 5/	1,740	3,260	1,650	2,020	1,650	640.0	1,116.5	649.0	944.0	937.5
EUROPE:										
Italy	4/ 2	9	12	13	13	1.6	6.3	10.8	11.3	11.0
Spain	6/ 24	16	20	-	-	6/ 23.3	11.7	13.2	-	15.4
Total (excl. U.S.S.R.) 5/	35	35	45	45	55	28.0	21.0	34.0	32.0	34.0
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	4/ 29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ASIA:										
Turkey	6/ 3	4/ 7	14	15	20	4/ 1.9	2.8	16.1	17.6	24.3
Burma	784	635	762	802	816	192.2	141.7	172.5	228.5	208.4
China proper	4/ 3,639	4/ 3,755	-	-	(-	4/ 2,913.4	2,820.6	7/ 2,370.0	7/ 2,400.0	7/ (2,700.0
Manchuria	-	-	-	-	(	121.0	-	-	7/ 220.0	(
India	7,535	9,923	13,548	12,585	14,400	3,295.7	3,750.9	4,623.4	4,260.5	4,300.0
Indochina	4/ 42	6/ 20	8/ 15	-	-	4/ 16.0	6/ 5.6	8/ 4.4	-	-
Indonesia	9/ 572	414	801	745	741	9/ 289.1	202.3	409.6	342.1	316.8
Japan	4/ 19	4/ 17	67	64	70	14.6	13.4	45.5	54.2	50.4
Philippine Republic	18	4/ 27	70	71	-	4.7	4/ 5.7	19.3	19.7	17.5
Taiwan (Formosa)	76	144	232	237	259	32.4	44.6	72.6	73.4	89.4
Thailand	-	-	194	198	-	-	24.3	101.1	103.6	-
Total Asia (excl. U.S.S.R.) 5/	12,835	15,145	19,230	19,010	21,115	6,895.0	7,145.0	8,040.5	7,753.0	7,845.0

PEANUTS (cont'd)

SOUTH AMERICA:										
Argentina	4/ 207	302	449	368	455	87.3	136.1	187.1	130.1	238.3
Brazil	-	200	344	411	272	6/ 14.8	85.0	185.2	204.9	143.3
Paraguay	4/ 29	4/ 30	27	-	-	4/ 19.4	14.2	11.0	-	-
Uruguay	5	23	15	19	20	1.2	7.5	6.2	5.6	6.6
Total 5/	320	575	870	870	820	129.0	251.0	399.0	364.5	413.5
AFRICA:										
Belgian Congo	6/ 243	484	732	718	-	6/ 65.1	6/ 159.8	206.7	193.3	201.7
Tanganyika	4/ 277	4/ 137	-	-	-	10/ 23.4	4/ 26.0	27.6	-	-
Uganda	4/ 156	338	377	-	-	6/ 78.3	170.0	190.0	-	-
Gambia	-	4/ 210	-	-	-	10/ 58.1	4/ 70.4	65.6	63.8	56.0
Egypt	23	25	33	35	-	17.2	18.8	27.0	30.2	-
French Equatorial Africa	4/11/ 91	4/11/ 47	445	395	-	4/11/ 17.6	4/11/ 17.0	116.8	143.3	-
French Cameroon	4/ 279	4/ 306	292	-	-	36.0	67.3	88.2	-	-
French West Africa	12/ 3,185	13/ 2,910	-	-	-	12/ 785.0	13/ 890.0	800.0	1,000.0	1,200.0
Ghana	-	-	136	-	137	-	-	33.1	41.3	52.2
Madagascar	14	29	86	-	-	6.6	8.1	27.6	-	-
Mozambique	-	-	-	-	-	10/ 42.9	28.8	25.0	25.0	25.0
Nigeria and Cameroons	-	-	-	3,500	-	4/ 600.0	13/ 617.0	875.0	1,100.0	850.0
Angola	18	4/ 21	-	-	-	6.2	4/ 5.1	10/ 3.2	10/ 3.3	-
Portuguese Guinea 10/	-	-	-	-	-	28.0	40.7	-	-	-
Southern Rhodesia	-	4/ 122	-	-	-	-	21.8	-	-	-
Sudan	43	4/ 100	-	-	-	8.1	4/ 20.2	40.6	36.7	47.7
Union of South Africa 14/	56	4/ 252	-	-	-	12.0	39.6	206.0	222.4	241.5
Total 5/	7,360	7,865	9,980	10,510	10,515	1,850.0	2,243.5	2,921.0	3,391.5	3,382.0
OCEANIA:										
Australia	4/ 14	28	38	40	34	4/ 6.1	16.2	9.9	20.8	16.2
Total 5/	15	30	40	40	35	6.5	16.5	10.5	21.5	16.5
World total	22,335	26,960	31,865	32,545	34,240	9,564.0	10,810.0	12,071.0	12,523.5	12,645.5

1/ Peanuts in the shell. Southern Hemisphere peanut crops, which are harvested from April to June, are combined with those of the Northern Hemisphere harvested from September through December of the same year. 2/ Figures refer to harvested areas as far as possible. 3/ Preliminary. 4/ Average of less than 5 years. 5/ Includes estimates for the above countries for which data are not available and for minor producing countries. 6/ One year only. 7/ Unofficial estimate. 8/ Cambodia. 9/ Java and Madura only. 10/ Exports. 11/ Commercial crop. 12/ 1937. 13/ Average 1948-50. 14/ Production on European farms only.

Foreign Agricultural Service. Prepared or estimated on the basis of official statistics of foreign governments, reports of Agricultural Attaches and other United States representatives abroad, results of office research, and other information.

Burma harvested 208,400 short tons of peanuts or almost 10 percent less than in 1955. Output in Burma is far from a self-sufficiency level and sizable quantities of peanut oil are imported annually, largely from India. Indonesia's 1956 crop is now reported at 316,800 tons or 7 percent less than the 1955 harvest. Smaller crops also were produced in Japan, the Philippine Republic and Israel while some increase has been reported in Taiwan and Turkey.

Peanut production in South America increased significantly in 1956 as a result of the sharp expansion in Argentina where output almost doubled that of the previous year. Peanut acreage in Argentina was up about one-fourth as the result of the 80-percent increase in producer prices for the 1956 crop. The first official estimate of plantings for the 1957 crop soon to be harvested indicates an increase of 16 percent from last season. Unofficial sources report a decline of almost one-third in Brazil's 1956 output on the basis of reduced production resulting from unseasonable rains in the state of Sao Paulo. Plantings for Sao Paulo's 1957 crop are reportedly up about 5 percent.

Contrary to earlier indications, production in Africa, which normally accounts for one-fourth of the world's total, is now expected to approximate the record level of almost 3.4 million tons estimated to have been produced in 1955. Late and heavy rains in October resulted in a much better harvest in French West Africa than had been expected. Purchases from the 1956 crop for export and domestic crushing have been forecast at over 1.0 million short tons, an all-time high and an increase of one-fifth from purchases last season. Total production probably was a record high of around 1.2 million tons compared with an estimated 1.0 million tons in 1955. The quality of the crop is reported to be good.

Peanut production in Nigeria, on the other hand, is believed to be considerably smaller than the 1955 harvest of an estimated record 1.1 million tons. On the basis of purchases by the Nigerian Marketing Boards, reported at 392,000 short tons of shelled nuts from the 1956 crop against 595,000 tons from the 1955 crop, total production in 1956 is estimated at about 850,000 tons, unshelled basis.

A substantially larger quantity of "special grade" peanuts (containing 70 percent or more of whole nuts) has been offered at buying stations this season than last. At the end of January almost one-third of the total purchases were special grade nuts in contrast to only 2 percent in the comparable period last season. This increase is due to the higher premium offered for special grade nuts this year and to the fact that producers have become increasingly aware of the advantages of the premium scheme in its second year of operation.

Peanut production increased almost 10 percent in the Union of South Africa in 1956, almost one-third in Sudan, and one-fourth in Ghana.

WORLD HOG NUMBERS 1956 AND ESTIMATES FOR 1957

World hog numbers continued to increase in 1956 to a new record high of 385 million head. This total was about 1 percent larger than a year earlier and 31 percent more than prewar.

World pork output in 1957 probably will be about the same as a year earlier. Hog numbers at the end of 1957 and pork output in 1958 will depend largely on the number of pigs farrowed in 1957. There are indications that numbers on farms will continue their steady rise. Ample feed supplies and other conditions seem favorable for a further increase in hog production in Eastern Europe, the U.S.S.R. and South America. Farrowings may also rise during 1957 in Canada, Mexico and Cuba.

During 1956 hog numbers rose 2 percent in Asia, and 1 percent in Europe and South America. The Soviet Union claims an increase of 8 percent. Little change occurred in numbers in Oceania, but numbers declined 3 percent in Africa and 4 percent in North America.

Hog numbers are particularly large in South America, compared with prewar, which is attributable to considerable development in the production of feed grains and the intensification of agriculture. Hog numbers are also at comparatively high levels in Europe and Asia. Numbers in North America are only moderately above prewar and considerably below its productive capacity. Over the years, hog production has not expanded at the same rate as other crop and livestock enterprises in Australia and New Zealand.

In these countries relatively high feed costs have tended to hold down hog production while there has been marked expansion in other agricultural enterprises. The development of hog production in Africa has been relatively slow because of the lack of feed grains.

Hog numbers in Canada declined moderately during 1956 but production was maintained at comparatively high levels. In the United States numbers declined from 55.2 million on January 1, 1956 to 52.2 at the first of 1957 chiefly because of the low prices for hogs in late 1955 and early 1956. Hog numbers continued to rise in Cuba and Mexico, a general trend which has persisted for a number of years.

Hog numbers increased slightly in Western Europe during 1956. Numbers increased in Denmark following a decline caused by restricted feed supplies. Numbers also rose in the United Kingdom where the lower prices in 1955 caused reduced farrowings. There also were moderate grains in Ireland, Greece, the Netherlands and Sweden. Numbers declined in Austria and Yugoslavia but were relatively unchanged in Belgium and France.

Reports from Eastern Europe indicate a general increase in hog numbers in the area in recent years and this increase probably continued in 1956. Poland and East Germany hae the largest producers in the area but Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Rumania probably have more hogs each year than any country of Western Europe except West Germany, France or the United Kingdom.

HOGS: Number in Specified Countries, Averages 1936-40, 1946-50, Annual 1952-57

Continent and Country	Month of Estimate 1/	Average 1936-40	Average 1946-50	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956 2/	1957 2/
		Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
NORTH AMERICA									
Canada	Dec. 1 1/	4,078	5,542	5,498	5,237	4,721	5,425	5,981	5,550
El Salvador	July	559	3/ 325	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	July	213	3/ 394	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honduras	July	235	364	525	-	-	-	-	-
Mexico	June	3/ 4,965	5,960	5,500	-	7,500	7,750	7,900	8,220
Nicaragua		3/ 250	250	350	360	235	-	-	-
United States	Jan. 1	48,352	57,563	62,117	51,755	45,114	50,474	55,173	52,207
Cuba	Dec. 31 1/	3/ 904	3/ 1,730	-	1,286	1,340	1,365	1,395	1,440
Dominican Republic	June	3/ 842	5/ 1,140	5/ 1,100	-	-	-	-	-
Estimated Total		61,400	74,500	78,800	68,900	62,700	69,000	74,400	71,400
EUROPE									
Austria	Dec. 3 1/	3/ 2,849	6/ 1,558	2,700	2,850	2,643	2,802	2,933	2,728
Belgium	Jan. 1	1/ 1,005	6/ 886	1,427	1,382	1,263	1,334	1,441	-
Denmark	Jan.	2,997	2,033	3,229	3,906	4,456	4,806	4,331	4,777
Finland	June 15	7/ 485	350	414	434	545	467	435	-
France	Oct. 1 1/	7,034	6/ 5,714	7,222	7,154	7,263	7,570	7,729	7,728
Germany, Western	Dec. 1 1/	12,660	6/ 6,866	13,603	12,979	12,435	14,525	14,593	14,386
Greece	Dec. 31 1/	3/ 532	482	636	587	603	620	621	640
Ireland	June	978	543	719	882	958	799	742	760
Italy	Jan. 1	3,700	3,800	3,512	4,215	4,368	3,746	-	-
Luxembourg	Dec. 1 1/	148	100	110	96	120	117	-	-
Netherlands	Dec. 1 1/	1,725	1,187	2,100	2,259	2,055	2,331	2,448	2,555
Norway	June 20	393	321	418	379	406	464	507	-
Portugal	Dec. 31 1/	5/ 1,206	5/ 1,200	-	-	-	-		-
Spain	Dec. 31 1/	5/ 4,944	3/ 5,122	6,200	6,300	6,050	-	-	-
Sweden	Apr.	1,292	1,213	1,363	1,351	1,718	1,674	1,600	-
Switzerland	Apr.	915	783	1,007	1,017	950	1,038	1,159	-
United Kingdom	June	4,380	2,309	4,930	5,165	6,251	5,843	5,515	-
Yugoslavia	Jan. 1	1/ 3,238	4,200	3,990	4,520	4,310	4,731	4,699	3,853
Estimated Total		76,500	59,300	83,600	87,400	90,800	94,400	95,900	96,800
Western Europe		50,500	38,700	55,000	56,900	57,800	59,600	59,600	59,300
Other Europe		26,000	20,600	28,600	30,500	33,000	34,800	36,300	37,500
U.S.S.R.	Jan. 1	5/ 32,300	13,000	26,700		9/ 47,600	9/ 51,000	9/ 52,100	9/ 56,400

ASIA									
British Malaya		746	397	504	525	631	704	-	-
Burma	Dec. 31 1/	538	3/ 323	500	520	540	560	-	-
China	May	10/ 65,300	11/ 42,000	11/ 74,300	11/ 77,400	-	-	-	-
India	Jan. 1	5/ 2,777	-	4,362	4,200	4,450	4,700	-	-
Indochina		-	-	-	2,294	2,021	3,147	-	-
Indonesia	Dec. 31 1/	3/ 1,199	1,165	1,099	985	1,378	1,450	-	-
Japan	Feb. 1	1/ 960	301	799	994	833	825	1,170	1,510
Korea - South	Dec. 31 1/	3/ 828	440	335	489	507	938	1,262	1,203
Philippine Islands	Jan. 1	3/ 4,398	3,300	4,443	4,794	5,225	5,695	6,208	-
Taiwan (Formosa)	Dec. 31 1/	1,803	976	2,262	2,611	2,850	2,871	2,370	-
Estimated Total		86,400	58,400	95,800	99,700	101,000	103,500	104,200	106,300
SOUTH AMERICA									
Argentina	July	3/ 3,674	3,000	3,982	-	-	-	3,858	-
Brazil	Dec. 31 1/	3/ 23,224	24,400	27,801	30,916	32,721	35,556	36,606	-
Chile	June	3/ 420	590	700	720	730	733	-	-
Colombia	Dec. 31 1/	3/ 1,572	2,092	-	2,378	1,824	-	1,727	-
Ecuador		3/ 350	1,070	-	800	683	-	-	-
Peru	Dec. 31 1/	12/ 800	911	1,268	1,346	1,268	1,351	1,341	-
Uruguay	May	3/ 373	258	259	275	260	-	-	-
Estimated Total		31,300	33,900	39,000	42,400	44,000	46,800	47,900	48,400
AFRICA									
Algeria 13/	Nov.	14/ 58	14/ 140	77	88	83	79	-	-
Belgian Congo	Dec. 31 1/	3/ 162	200	241	261	324	328	344	-
Federation of Nyasaland and Rhodesias	Dec. 31 1/	209	244	202	228	272	236	216	-
French Morocco	Dec. 31 1/	64	68	56	64	62	61	-	-
Madagascar 13/	Dec. 31 1/	578	406	296	248	207	230	-	-
Mozambique	Dec. 31	70	64	78	77	-	-	-	-
Angola	Dec.	5/ 410	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tunisia	Dec. 31 1/	24	32	20	16	16	14	15	-
Union of South Africa	Aug.	3/ 1,007	1,290	1,275	1,275	1,275	-	-	-
Estimated Total		3,400	3,900	3,700	3,800	3,800	3,900	3,900	3,800
OCEANIA									
Australia	Mar. 31	1/ 1,242	1,255	1,022	993	1,197	1,297	1,166	1,220
New Zealand	Jan. 31	753	548	566	628	649	681	690	695
Estimated Total		2,100	2,000	1,800	1,800	2,100	2,200	2,100	2,100
Estimated World Total		293,400	245,000	329,400	348,000	352,000	370,800	380,500	385,200

1/End of year estimates (October to December) included under following year for comparison and totals. Thus for Canada the December 1951 estimate of 5,498,000 is shown under 1952. 2/Preliminary. 3/Average for 2 to 4 years only. 4/July. 5/Census or estimate for single year. 6/Official statistics; may be underestimate of actual numbers. 7/September. 8/June. 9/October. 10/Includes 22 provinces, Manchuria and Sinkiang. Excludes outer Mongolia. 11/National estimate of China mainland. Excludes outer Mongolia. 12/Year 1934. 13/Number taxed only. 14/April.

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The U.S.S.R. published an estimate of 56.4 million hogs in the Soviet Union in October 1956 compared with 52.1 million a year earlier and 51 million in October 1954. The feed grain harvest of 1956 was unusually large suggesting another increase may occur in 1957.

The Argentine Census of July 1956 reported 3.9 million hogs or only slightly less than the number reported in the 1952 census. Numbers in Brazil continue to rise as a result of strong demand and increased grain production.

REVIEW OF 1956 BREADGRAIN CROP

A near-record world breadgrain production is still estimated for 1956-57, on the basis of the latest information available to the Foreign Agricultural Service. Increasing world wheat production is offset by the downward trend in rye, which leaves the total of 267 million short tons for the current season below the record total for the 2 grains in 1952. Relatively minor changes since the previous estimates published in Foreign Crops and Markets December 10, 1956 result in slight increases in the world totals for both wheat and rye.

An increase of about 50 million bushels over the previous estimate for world wheat brings the present wheat total to 7,595 million bushels, a new record, exceeding the previous high in 1952 by 35 million bushels. Revised estimates for the United States, parts of Western Europe, and Argentina account for most of the increase from the earlier estimate. An increase of about 25 million bushels in the estimated world total for rye brings that total to 1,385 million bushels. Though larger than the first estimate, this is about 100 million bushels less than in 1955 and is about 350 million bushels less than the prewar average. The increases over the earlier estimates are mainly in eastern Europe, an important rye producing area, and in Argentina.

The wheat harvest in North America is now estimated at 1,576 million bushels. This is at the 1945-49 level and is well above the crops of the past 2 years. Somewhat larger harvests than in 1955 are reported for each of the three principal reporting countries. Increases in Canada and Mexico are attributed to higher yields while in the United States some increase over the very small acreage harvested in 1955 was also a factor.

Rye production in North America, at 30 million bushels, is the smallest outturn in many years. Reductions in both the United States and Canada were significant. Reduced acreage and smaller yields than in 1955 combined to bring production to this low point.

Wheat production in Western Europe is estimated at 1,211 million bushels. The reduction to this low level, the smallest since 1951, is mainly due to a sharp cut in the harvested acreage. Winter-kill in a number of countries, especially marked in France, necessitated shifting sizable acreages to spring planted crops and a large part of the shifted acreage went into feed grains.

Growing conditions during the spring and summer were favorable in most areas, and yields were generally well above average though not up to the high 1955 yields in some countries. Unusually favorable yields for spring wheat were reported in a number of countries. Rye production for the area is estimated at 281 million bushels. This is larger than the 1955 crop and is about at the prewar level. Compared with that period, acreage shows a sharp reduction, offset by higher yields.

Grain production in Eastern Europe was somewhat smaller than the high 1955 outturn. Wheat production is estimated at 382 million bushels, 10 percent less than last year's crop. Smaller yields were the principal factor in the reduction though a slight reduction in acreage is also indicated. The 1956 harvest is estimated to be 18 percent below the prewar average. Rye production in this area, estimated at 405 million bushels, is slightly less than the 1955 crop. Lower yields account for the reduction, with acreage appearing to be at the 1955 level.

Sharply expanded wheat acreage in the Soviet Union together with somewhat higher yields of spring wheat, resulted in a sharp increase in the total wheat outturn in that important producing area. Weather conditions were highly variable, with most favorable conditions for spring wheat reported east of the Volga, including the "New Lands" where a good part of the further expansion this year took place. Heavy losses during and after the harvest were attributed to unfavorable weather and inadequate transportation and drying and storage facilities. Reduced rye acreage this year meant another drop in rye production bringing it sharply below the prewar average.

Wheat production in Asia is placed at 1,845 million bushels, about 25 million bushels below the all-time record crop last year. Increases in a number of countries partly offset a sharp reduction reported for Turkey. Rye production in this area is still sharply above average, though not up to last year's peak.

In Africa wheat production is still estimated at 210 million bushels, which is sharply above average and also above the 1955 total. Larger outturns than last year were reported for all major producers. Rye is of no significance in Africa.

Wheat production in South America is expected to be about 360 million bushels compared with 302 million last year and the 1935-39 average of 281 million. A large outturn in Argentina is the principal factor in the increase, offsetting reduced crops in most other countries of the area. The rye harvest in Argentina was one of the largest of record, as now reported at 39 million bushels. This is the only rye producer of significance in the area.

Wheat production in Australia was sharply below average, as still estimated at about 130 million bushels. A 25 percent reduction in acreage as a result of unfavorable weather at seeding time was the principal factor in the reduction. Yields, though not up to the high level of a year ago, were considerably above average.

WHEAT: Acreage, yield per acre, and production in specified countries, year of harvest, averages 1935-39 and 1945-49, annual 1954-56 1/

Continent and country	Acreage 2/					Yield per acre 3/					Production				
	Average					Average					Average				
	1935-39	1945-49	1954	1955	1956 4/	1935-39	1945-49	1954	1955	1956 4/	1935-39	1945-49	1954	1955	1956 4/
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
NORTH AMERICA															
Canada	25,595	24,558	24,267	21,506	21,340	12.2	14.8	12.7	23.0	25.2	312,399	362,774	308,909	494,142	537,774
Mexico	1,244	1,244	1,890	1,977	1,977	11.5	12.5	16.3	16.4	20.4	14,284	15,522	30,840	32,330	40,420
United States	57,293	71,024	54,356	47,285	49,817	13.2	16.9	18.1	19.8	20.0	758,629	1,202,396	983,900	934,731	997,207
Estimated total 5/	84,170	96,890	80,600	70,850	73,220	-	-	-	-	-	1,086,000	1,581,000	1,325,000	1,462,000	1,576,000
EUROPE															
Austria	630	528	588	604	620	25.3	20.5	28.2	33.4	33.8	15,942	10,800	16,600	20,180	20,960
Belgium	394	371	455	472	464	40.3	39.7	46.5	55.6	47.2	15,887	14,733	21,140	26,250	21,920
Denmark	319	175	211	164	164	45.4	49.7	50.9	56.9	59.1	14,470	8,704	10,730	9,330	9,700
Finland	230	420	400	340	355	26.5	21.3	25.0	22.6	22.5	6,100	8,966	10,000	7,700	8,000
France	12,560	10,354	11,100	11,253	-	22.8	23.0	35.0	33.8	-	286,505	238,200	388,220	380,850	240,000
Western Germany	2,785	2,283	2,735	2,875	2,830	33.2	29.5	38.9	43.0	45.1	92,400	67,420	106,260	123,570	127,500
Greece	2,172	1,917	2,611	2,599	2,653	14.0	12.9	17.2	18.9	17.4	30,425	24,750	44,800	49,000	46,100
Ireland	225	561	486	360	350	34.2	31.6	37.6	41.4	43.7	7,689	17,746	18,250	14,900	15,310
Italy	12,577	11,742	12,100	12,300	12,300	22.1	19.3	22.1	28.4	25.9	278,366	227,200	267,600	349,260	318,930
Luxembourg	47	32	48	44	38	25.9	25.0	31.2	31.4	34.5	1,215	800	1,500	1,380	1,310
Netherlands	333	262	272	220	212	45.7	42.4	53.6	59.0	53.5	15,217	11,109	14,570	12,970	11,340
Norway	80	91	50	45	51	29.9	29.3	30.2	26.0	38.2	2,391	2,670	1,510	1,170	1,950
Portugal	1,720	1,665	1,924	1,991	1,942	10.7	8.5	14.9	9.4	10.7	18,400	14,190	28,710	18,650	20,860
Spain	6/ 11,253	9,640	10,670	10,536	10,625	6/ 14.0	12.1	16.9	14.2	14.6	6/157,986	116,700	180,000	150,000	155,000
Sweden	740	749	1,068	875	982	35.6	31.0	35.1	30.1	35.4	26,351	23,222	37,490	26,350	34,720
Switzerland	183	223	223	236	190	33.1	35.0	49.5	46.0	32.5	6,050	7,800	11,030	10,850	6,170
United Kingdom	1,843	2,148	2,457	1,948	2,282	33.8	36.1	42.3	49.8	46.3	62,361	77,505	103,890	97,030	105,610
Yugoslavia	5,400	-	-	4,700	4,000	18.1	-	-	19.0	16.2	97,700	-	-	89,500	65,000
Estimated total 5/	53,500	47,590	52,010	51,570	47,070	-	-	-	-	-	1,136,000	947,000	1,327,000	1,389,000	1,211,000
Other Europe, estimated total 7/	21,350	18,530	20,600	21,170	20,930	-	-	-	-	-	464,000	318,000	378,000	425,000	382,000
Estimated total, all Europe 5/	74,850	66,120	72,610	72,740	68,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,600,000	1,265,000	1,705,000	1,814,000	1,593,000
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	104,000	82,200	-	-	-	11.9	10.8	-	-	-	1,240,000	885,000	-	-	-

ASIA															
Iran	8/ 4,191	-	-	-	-	8/ 17.2	-	-	-	-	8/ 72,128	70,791	78,000	85,000	82,670
Iraq	8/ 1,724	1,593	-	-	-	8/ 10.5	9.1	-	-	-	18,114	14,424	27,550	17,390	25,000
Lebanon	9/	166	165	165	165	9/	12.8	12.5	12.2	12.2	9/	2,133	2,060	2,020	2,020
Syria	9/ 1,363	1,998	2,720	2,718	2,718	9/ 14.3	9.6	10.8	8.1	11.8	9/ 19,485	19,091	29,390	22,050	32,150
Turkey	8,973	9,436	15,830	17,790	18,690	15.1	13.3	11.4	14.7	10.8	135,690	125,089	180,040	260,880	202,100
China	8/ 49,200	55,200	-	-	-	8/ 15.5	15.9	-	-	-	8/765,000	875,000	-	-	-
Manchuria	2,900	-	-	-	-	12.4	-	-	-	-	36,035	-	-	-	-
India 10/	8/ 25,460	23,312	26,394	27,517	29,225	8/ 10.3	9.1	11.2	11.9	10.7	8/262,100	212,336	294,560	327,710	311,660
Pakistan 10/	8/ 9,305	10,337	10,524	10,650	11,289	8/ 12.6	12.5	12.8	11.1	11.5	8/117,000	129,017	134,360	118,420	129,550
Japan	1,735	1,655	1,660	1,639	1,625	28.8	20.7	33.6	32.9	31.1	49,954	34,325	55,700	53,940	50,520
Korea	832	-	-	-	-	12.3	-	-	-	-	10,240	-	-	-	-
Estimated total 5/	114,400	118,610	135,800	138,300	142,250	-	-	-	-	-	1,575,000	1,598,000	1,850,000	1,885,000	1,845,000
AFRICA															
Algeria	4,185	3,566	4,780	4,940	4,800	8.4	8.4	10.6	9.3	10.6	35,201	29,900	50,810	46,080	51,070
Egypt	1,464	1,618	1,864	1,593	1,630	31.3	26.3	34.1	33.5	34.9	45,849	42,633	63,500	53,330	56,860
French Morocco	3,254	2,621	3,999	4,112	3,661	7.1	8.3	11.6	8.5	10.7	23,128	21,792	46,410	35,070	39,150
Tunisia	1,950	1,907	3,356	1,955	2,345	7.7	6.5	6.8	7.4	7.2	14,962	12,320	22,940	14,520	16,900
Union of South Africa 11/	1,926	2,416	2,857	2,890	-	8.3	6.2	7.7	10.1	-	16,025	15,067	22,060	29,210	30,310
Estimated total 5/	13,880	13,780	18,580	17,260	17,110	-	-	-	-	-	143,000	134,000	221,000	193,000	210,000
SOUTH AMERICA															
Argentina	15,834	11,432	13,500	10,037	-	14.0	16.9	20.9	19.2	-	221,769	193,740	282,560	192,900	262,000
Brazil	414	876	-	-	-	12.0	12.9	-	-	-	4,978	11,283	20,000	27,000	-
Chile	1,963	1,980	1,990	1,925	1,894	16.1	18.0	19.9	20.0	17.5	31,562	35,628	39,600	38,500	33,100
Peru	285	280	410	420	408	11.5	13.6	14.6	14.6	11.7	3,274	3,798	5,970	6,140	4,780
Uruguay	1,210	1,060	1,910	1,982	1,730	11.0	12.4	16.4	15.4	12.7	13,256	13,124	31,360	30,560	22,000
Estimated total 5/	20,490	16,260	19,780	16,810	18,830	-	-	-	-	-	281,000	263,000	387,000	302,000	360,000
OCEANIA															
Australia	13,128	12,662	10,670	10,170	7,790	12.9	14.0	15.8	19.2	16.7	169,744	177,742	168,610	195,600	130,000
New Zealand	221	140	104	73	70	32.3	37.4	39.5	39.7	40.0	7,129	5,241	4,110	2,900	2,800
Total	13,349	12,802	10,774	10,243	7,860	-	-	-	-	-	176,873	182,983	172,720	198,500	132,800
Estimated world total 5/	425,140	406,660	460,140	476,200	481,270	-	-	-	-	-	6,102,000	5,910,000	7,000,000	7,405,000	7,595,000

1/ Years shown refer to years of harvest in the Northern Hemisphere. Harvests of Northern Hemisphere countries are combined with those of the Southern Hemisphere which immediately follow; thus, the crop harvested in the Northern Hemisphere in 1956 is combined with preliminary forecasts for the Southern Hemisphere harvests which began late in 1956 and ended early in 1957. 2/ Figures refer to harvested areas as far as possible. 3/ Yield per acre calculated from acreage and production data shown, except for incomplete periods. 4/ Revised estimates for Northern Hemisphere countries; for Southern Hemisphere, revised preliminary forecasts. 5/ Estimated totals, which in the case of production are rounded to millions, include allowances for any missing data for countries shown and for other producing countries not shown. 6/ Figure for 1935 only. 7/ Comprises Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Eastern Germany, Hungary, Poland and Rumania. 8/ Average of less than 5 years. 9/ Estimates for Syria and Lebanon not shown separately during this period. 10/ Figures for the period shown are not strictly comparable since figures for 1954-56 include allowances for non-reporting areas, which were not included with earlier figures shown, but were included in estimated total for Asia. 11/ Production on European holdings only.

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RYE: Acreage, yield per acre, and production in specified countries, year of harvest, averages 1935-39 and 1945-49, annual 1954-56 [1]

Continent and country	Acreage [2]					Yield per acre [3]					Production				
	Average					Average					Average				
	1935-39	1945-49	1954	1955	1956 [4]	1935-39	1945-49	1954	1955	1956 [4]	1935-39	1945-49	1954	1955	1956 [4]
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
NORTH AMERICA															
Canada	816	1,192	850	780	557	11.3	11.1	16.7	18.9	15.4	9,191	13,182	14,176	14,753	8,577
United States	3,699	1,810	1,795	2,049	1,636	12.1	12.3	14.4	14.2	13.2	44,917	22,336	25,935	29,055	21,558
Total	4,515	3,002	2,645	2,829	2,193	-	-	-	-	-	54,108	35,518	40,111	43,808	30,135
EUROPE															
Austria	881	616	539	529	528	23.4	19.9	27.0	31.0	32.4	20,611	12,260	14,550	16,380	17,090
Belgium	401	259	203	187	169	37.4	36.3	47.4	46.3	45.7	15,016	9,410	9,630	8,650	7,730
Denmark	354	379	277	189	271	28.2	34.2	39.4	39.8	41.7	9,973	12,958	10,900	7,520	11,300
Finland	500	376	245	230	240	24.6	21.2	23.5	21.7	22.9	12,300	7,960	5,750	5,000	5,500
France	1,613	1,202	1,001	956	919	18.6	17.2	20.2	18.1	20.4	29,993	20,618	20,235	17,320	18,740
Western Germany	4,080	3,480	3,780	3,643	3,664	29.2	28.4	42.7	37.8	40.1	119,000	98,900	161,330	137,590	147,050
Greece	163	130	153	132	133	13.8	12.8	13.1	16.2	15.1	2,244	1,664	2,010	2,140	2,013
Italy	256	253	220	205	182	21.8	17.9	21.4	24.0	23.1	5,580	4,520	4,700	4,920	4,200
Luxembourg	18	15	14	13	11	25.7	26.3	30.5	30.8	32.7	462	395	427	400	360
Netherlands	560	492	413	379	422	36.4	31.5	48.8	48.3	45.9	20,394	15,520	20,150	18,300	19,360
Norway	13	4	2	2	3	31.2	32.8	29.5	25.0	35.3	405	131	59	50	106
Portugal	620	680	629	626	620	8.9	8.0	12.2	9.8	9.6	5,500	5,460	7,680	6,110	5,960
Spain	[5] 1,404	1,553	1,515	1,483	1,433	[5] 13.1	11.0	13.7	12.9	14.0	[5] 18,363	17,117	20,690	19,170	20,080
Sweden	495	363	368	232	306	30.0	28.4	32.2	28.8	35.3	14,828	10,323	11,840	6,690	10,790
Switzerland	38	32	37	37	37	33.2	33.9	48.0	43.0	41.5	1,260	1,084	1,775	1,590	1,535
United Kingdom	17	59	44	19	25	23.9	30.0	35.5	40.0	38.4	406	1,768	1,560	760	960
Yugoslavia	633	-	-	690	620	13.4	-	-	14.9	13.1	8,500	-	-	10,300	8,100
Estimated total [6]	12,050	10,480	10,090	9,560	9,590	-	-	-	-	-	285,000	228,000	301,000	263,000	281,000
Other Europe, estimated total [7]	21,620	17,360	18,690	18,740	18,720	-	-	-	-	-	481,000	337,000	399,000	418,000	405,000
Estimated total, all Europe [6]	33,670	27,840	28,780	28,300	28,310	-	-	-	-	-	766,000	565,000	700,000	681,000	686,000
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	60,800	72,300	-	-	-	14.6	12.4	-	-	-	885,000	895,000	-	-	-
ASIA															
Turkey	939	1,017	1,515	1,584	1,680	15.2	13.5	11.4	16.8	15.2	14,301	13,679	17,320	26,580	25,590
SOUTH AMERICA															
Argentina	1,078	1,601	2,743	2,199	-	9.1	9.3	12.1	11.7	-	9,771	14,944	33,230	25,750	38,980
AFRICA															
Union of South Africa	[8] 117	197	-	-	-	[8] 6.8	4.9	-	-	-	794	973	-	-	-
Estimated world total [6]	101,270	106,210	88,130	82,860	78,130	-	-	-	-	-	1,732,000	1,530,000	1,530,000	1,480,000	1,385,000

[1] Years shown refer to years of harvest in the Northern Hemisphere. Harvests of Northern Hemisphere countries are combined with those of the Southern Hemisphere which immediately follow; thus, the crop harvested in the Northern Hemisphere in 1956 is combined with preliminary forecasts for the Southern Hemisphere harvests, which began late in 1956 and ended early in 1957. [2] Figures refer to harvested areas as far as possible. [3] Yield per acre calculated from acreage and production data shown, except for incomplete periods. [4] Revised estimates for Northern Hemisphere countries; for Southern Hemisphere, revised preliminary forecasts. [5] Figure for 1935 only. [6] Estimated totals, which in the case of production are rounded to millions, include allowances for any missing data for countries shown and for other producing countries not shown. [7] Comprises Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Eastern Germany, Hungary, Poland and Rumania. [8] Average of less than 5 years.

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WORLD RICE PRODUCTION AT NEW RECORD LEVEL [1]

World production of rice in 1956-57 (August-July) will total 438,000 million pounds of rough rice as compared with 424,700 million pounds in 1955-56, according to the second estimate of the Foreign Agricultural Service. This current estimate of the 1956-57 crop represents an increase of about 6,000 million pounds over the first estimate, issued in November 1956, principally as the result of the larger crop expected in Communist China.

World rice acreage at 269 million acres is, also, at a new record level and exceeds the previous year's record by 6 million acres and the 1950-51/1954-55 average by 13 million acres.

The increase in rice production in 1956-57 as compared with 1955-56 is due chiefly to larger acreage and favorable weather conditions in the principal producing countries of Asia. Production in North America and Europe is expected to be down by a small amount, while that in South America and Africa is estimated to be slightly higher.

(Table on following pages)

More details on world rice production than are contained in this Summary will be published soon as a *Foreign Agriculture Circular*.

RICE (rough): Acreage, yield per acre, and production in specified countries, averages 1935-36/39-40 and 1950-51/54-55, annual 1954-55 to 1956-57 (August-July) 1/

Continent and country	Acreage					Yield per acre					Production				
	Average					Average					Average				
	1935-36 to 1939-40	1950-51 to 1954-55	1954-55	1955-56 2/	1956-57 2/	1935-36 to 1939-40	1950-51 to 1954-55	1954-55	1955-56 2/	1956-57 2/	1935-36 to 1939-40	1950-51 to 1954-55	1954-55	1955-56 2/	1956-57 2/
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
NORTH AMERICA															
Costa Rica	35	71	80	95	92	1,066	1,173	1,025	789	1,196	37.3	83.3	82.0	75.0	110.0
El Salvador	26	44	49	43	41	1,392	1,430	1,520	1,509	1,341	36.2	62.9	74.5	64.9	55.0
Guatemala	14	21	20	20	19	829	1,043	1,075	1,140	1,121	11.6	21.9	21.5	22.8	21.3
Honduras	18	30	26	30	28	889	930	1,138	920	964	16.0	27.9	29.6	27.6	27.0
Mexico	96	235	222	284	320	1,904	1,574	1,687	1,637	1,625	182.8	369.9	374.6	465.0	520.0
Nicaragua	25	66	35	48	58	1,080	1,298	1,594	990	1,293	27.0	85.7	55.8	47.5	75.0
Panama	48	180	204	214	209	1,042	1,159	1,066	1,007	1,019	50.0	208.7	217.4	215.6	213.0
United States	1,004	2,068	2,550	1,826	1,564	2,234	2,419	2,517	3,061	3,031	2,243.4	5,002.6	6,419.3	5,590.2	4,740.2
Cuba	45	174	230	330	400	958	1,839	1,739	1,439	1,375	43.1	320.0	400.0	475.0	550.0
Dominican Republic	80	112	119	117	112	1,065	1,703	1,910	1,915	1,875	85.2	190.7	227.3	224.0	210.0
Jamaica	1	10	20	23	29	1,300	1,710	1,700	1,739	1,724	1.3	17.1	34.0	40.0	50.0
Total	1,461	3,100	3,644	3,119	2,956	-	-	-	-	-	2,801.3	6,517.7	8,061.3	7,370.6	6,683.5
EUROPE															
France	1	43	48	51	57	1,400	3,435	2,394	3,490	3,860	1.4	147.7	114.9	178.0	220.0
Greece	5	44	53	45	29	1,840	3,152	3,570	3,000	3,276	9.2	138.7	189.2	135.0	95.0
Italy	362	409	440	416	350	4,677	4,600	4,355	4,552	4,714	1,692.9	1,881.4	1,916.2	1,893.5	1,650.0
Portugal	47	80	88	93	90	3,253	3,898	4,099	4,261	4,000	152.9	311.8	360.7	396.3	360.0
Spain	110	160	175	152	173	4,336	4,737	5,047	5,263	5,202	477.0	757.9	883.2	800.0	900.0
Yugoslavia	8	10	19	19	15	1,300	2,750	2,995	3,016	3,087	10.4	27.5	56.9	57.3	46.3
Total	533	746	823	776	714	-	-	-	-	-	2,343.8	3,265.0	3,521.1	3,460.1	3,271.3
Other Europe	20	141	212	218	213	-	-	-	-	-	48.8	282.5	350.7	271.2	357.0
Total Europe	553	887	1,035	994	927	-	-	-	-	-	2,392.6	3,547.5	3,871.8	3,731.3	3,628.3
ASIA															
Iran	534	557	618	600	620	1,566	1,750	1,877	1,183	1,774	836.0	974.7	1,160.0	710.0	1,100.0
Iraq	392	545	625	400	525	1,283	1,151	1,256	775	1,200	503.0	627.2	785.0	310.0	630.0
Syria	2	12	15	10	7	2,500	2,200	2,793	2,340	3,343	5.0	26.4	41.9	23.4	23.4
Turkey	78	99	115	71	121	2,642	2,876	3,166	2,844	2,598	206.1	284.7	364.1	201.9	314.4
Burma	13,700	10,780	11,080	11,000	11,300	1,241	1,289	1,334	1,309	1,388	17,000.0	13,900.0	14,785.0	14,400.0	15,680.0
Ceylon	850	920	1,064	1,033	900	1,294	1,332	1,442	1,460	1,333	1,100.0	1,225.0	1,534.1	1,507.9	1,200.0
China	56,000	59,200	61,440	62,100	64,000	2,533	2,259	2,163	2,343	2,375	141,850.0	133,730.0	132,900.0	145,500.0	152,000.0
India 3/	62,590	75,434	75,949	76,700	77,000	1,194	1,084	1,106	1,147	1,162	74,750.0	81,750.0	84,000.0	88,000.0	89,500.0
Indochina 4/:															
Cambodia	2,080	2,748	2,700	2,300	2,850	904	1,075	889	1,054	1,105	1,880.0	2,955.0	2,400.0	2,425.0	3,150.0
Laos	935	1,391	1,200	1,500	1,530	679	697	646	733	752	635.0	970.0	755.0	1,100.0	1,150.0
South Vietnam	5,250	3,440	3,820	4,272	4,400	1,352	1,223	1,204	1,162	1,318	7,100.0	4,208.0	4,600.0	4,960.8	5,800.0
Indonesia	15,295	15,929	16,190	16,000	16,300	1,381	1,448	1,493	1,547	1,503	21,130.0	23,057.3	24,170.0	24,750.0	24,500.0
Japan 3/	7,862	7,423	7,507	7,608	7,650	3,408	3,394	3,326	4,273	3,748	26,793.1	25,190.0	24,970.6	32,505.4	28,670.5

ASIA (Continued)															
Korea	2,720	2,550	2,750	2,691	2,710	2,206	2,569	2,618	2,601	2,039	6,000.0	6,550.0	7,200.0	7,000.0	5,525.0
Malaya 3/	745	836	867	860	890	1,632	1,739	1,684	1,738	1,815	1,216.0	1,453.4	1,460.1	1,495.0	1,615.0
Nepal	2,900	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,300	776	757	785	831	833	2,250.0	2,460.0	2,550.0	2,700.0	2,750.0
Pakistan 3/	18,700	23,226	23,700	23,500	24,550	1,302	1,206	1,193	1,128	1,301	24,340.0	28,006.4	28,266.0	26,500.0	31,950.0
Philippine Republic	4,852	6,264	6,562	6,777	6,797	973	1,054	1,076	1,065	1,082	4,719.5	6,603.3	7,061.0	7,216.2	7,357.3
Taiwan (Formosa)	1,607	1,912	1,801	1,935	1,950	2,393	2,388	2,536	2,722	2,513	3,845.1	4,565.0	4,567.0	5,266.4	4,900.0
Thailand	7,088	13,153	11,178	13,337	14,000	1,353	1,162	1,126	1,215	1,286	9,588.5	15,281.2	12,586.1	16,200.0	18,000.0
Total	212,537	238,030	240,835	244,595	250,204	-	-	-	-	-	356,352.5	364,433.1	367,574.8	393,601.5	406,733.6
SOUTH AMERICA															
Argentina	52	140	136	130	133	2,692	2,815	2,793	2,785	2,707	140.0	394.1	379.9	362.0	360.0
Bolivia	21	40	45	-	-	1,238	1,480	1,422	-	-	26.0	59.2	64.0	-	-
Brazil 3/	2,323	5,362	6,206	5,800	-	1,287	1,340	1,328	1,310	-	2,989.1	7,182.5	8,239.6	7,600.0	-
British Guiana	70	136	150	147	-	2,289	2,112	2,400	2,381	-	160.2	287.2	360.0	350.0	-
Chile	13	68	74	70	69	3,515	2,507	2,781	1,729	2,536	45.7	170.5	205.8	121.0	175.0
Colombia	150	404	450	465	530	933	1,445	1,444	1,538	1,415	140.0	583.6	650.0	715.0	750.0
Ecuador	95	158	155	145	145	1,716	1,823	1,858	1,724	1,828	163.0	288.0	288.0	250.0	265.0
Paraguay	5	23	28	-	-	1,760	1,817	1,964	-	-	8.8	41.8	55.0	-	-
Peru	107	154	166	158	160	1,949	3,518	3,387	3,196	3,188	208.5	541.7	562.2	505.0	510.0
Surinam	37	48	52	48	52	2,081	2,638	2,827	2,604	2,885	77.0	126.6	147.0	125.0	150.0
Uruguay 3/	13	38	49	45	40	2,992	3,089	3,078	3,422	3,125	38.9	117.4	150.8	154.0	125.0
Venezuela	12	100	155	135	100	1,042	1,206	1,387	1,222	1,250	12.5	120.6	215.0	165.0	125.0
Total	2,898	6,671	7,666	7,210	7,448	-	-	-	-	-	4,009.7	9,913.2	11,317.3	10,447.0	10,925.0
AFRICA															
Belgian Congo	220	416	450	-	-	1,023	921	971	-	-	225.0	383.2	437.0	-	-
Egypt	463	539	633	623	725	3,233	3,394	3,894	4,635	4,634	1,496.8	1,829.3	2,464.6	2,887.5	3,360.0
Madagascar	1,207	1,694	1,750	-	-	1,157	1,311	1,343	-	-	1,396.8	2,221.1	2,350.0	-	-
Morocco	-	10	16	19	17	-	3,590	4,131	3,479	-	-	35.9	66.1	66.1	-
Total	4,586	7,070	7,463	7,484	7,566	-	-	-	-	-	5,378.6	7,956.8	9,031.6	9,271.9	9,765.7
OCEANIA															
Australia	23	37	39	41	48	4,143	4,603	5,472	4,744	4,417	95.3	170.3	213.4	194.5	212.0
Fiji	10	35	35	-	-	1,940	1,649	1,629	-	-	19.4	57.7	57.0	-	-
Total	40	108	109	112	119	-	-	-	-	-	121.7	268.0	308.4	291.5	309.0
World total	222,075	255,866	260,752	263,514	269,220	-	-	-	-	-	371,056.4	392,636.3	400,165.2	424,713.8	438,045.1

1/ Crops harvested in Northern Hemisphere during the latter part of the year, together with those harvested in Asia principally from November to May, are combined with crops harvested in Southern Hemisphere countries during the first part of the following year. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Planted acreage. 4/ Estimates for Center and North Vietnam included in world totals only.

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FOREIGN FIG PRODUCTION SHOWS SLIGHT INCREASE

Production of commercial dried figs in 1956 in the principal areas of the world is estimated as 168,000 short tons. Though slightly greater than the short crop of the previous season, the estimated tonnage still falls considerably below the 181,200-ton average calculated for the 5-year period 1949-53.

The trend in Italian commercial fig production has been downward with 1956 production indicated as nearly 25 percent less than that of the preceding year. Italy is the world's largest fig producer, though the difference between the Italian pack and those of the 2 next largest producing countries is fast narrowing. The short 1956 Italian commercial fig crop is expected to shift Italy's position to that of net importer.

Greece, an important fig producer, and Lebanon-Syria have reported larger fig crops for 1956. The estimate for Portuguese fig production has also been raised 20 percent to 10,000 short tons since publication of the foreign summary in the December 17, 1956 issue of Foreign Crops and Markets. The United States commercial fig crop amounted to approximately 26,000 tons in 1956. Though larger than the previous season's crop, United States production for 1956 is about average.

FIGS, Dried: Estimated commercial production in specified countries, average 1949-53, annual 1951-56

Country	Average 1949-53	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956 1/
				- - Short tons - -			
Algeria	31,400	34,000	29,500	36,400	37,100	22,500	2/
Argentina	800	1,100	400	1,100	1,400	1,700	1,400
Greece	26,500	27,400	21,700	32,000	30,000	28,000	32,000
Italy	52,800	39,700	38,000	50,000	58,000	43,000	33,000
Portugal 3/	10,900	11,700	7,400	9,500	11,100	11,000	10,000
Syria-Lebanon	4,100	4,200	3,300	3,300	3,500	2,200	3,100
Turkey	27,800	27,600	30,900	33,000	33,000	31,000	31,000
Foreign total	154,300	145,700	131,200	165,300	174,100	139,400	141,900
United States	26,900	29,500	28,100	24,300	25,600	25,400	26,100
Grand total	181,200	175,200	159,300	189,600	199,700	164,800	168,000

1/ Preliminary. 2/ 1949-53 average included in "Total." 3/ Merchantable figs only.

United States' imports of figs fell sharply during 1956. For all forms of fig products, the 1956 volume was slightly more than half that of the preceding year. The loss was confined to fig paste where imports dropped from 4,685 tons in 1955 to 907 tons in 1956. Portugal was the supplying country most seriously affected.

FIGS, Dried: Imports into the United States by country of origin, average 1945-49, annual 1951-56

Type and country	Average 1945-49	Year beginning September					
		1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
		- - Short tons - -					
Figs, dried							
Italy	132	134	156	201	227	174	278
Greece	725	1,282	1,550	2,855	2,057	1,527	1,586
Turkey	888	1,035	364	232	173	203	188
Spain	--	205	1	2	1	44	50
Portugal	15	665	61	601	853	369	480
Others	16	2	0	0	1/	0	0
Total	2,803	3,323	2,132	3,891	3,311	2,317	2,582
Fig paste							
Turkey	--	1,024	815	2,370	4,300	1,336	86
Portugal	--	0	0	83	207	3,349	821
Others	--	2/ 62	0	3/ 18	0	0	0
Total	--	1,086	815	2,471	4,507	4,685	907
Figs, prepared or preserved							
Italy	--	158	252	224	173	233	311
Greece	--	0	0	0	107	90	0
Others	--	4/	4/	0	0	0	0
Total	--	158	252	224	280	323	311
Grand total	2,803	4,567	3,199	6,586	8,098	7,325	3,800

1/ If any, included in "Others." 2/ Bulgaria. 3/ Syria. 4/ Less than one-half ton.

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